

PURIFYING WATER

What Does a Survival Water Filter Do?

Passing water through a filter will make the water safe to drink. High-quality water filters from a store will ensure that no harmful pathogens or microorganisms are getting into your drinking water. But sometimes using store-bought, high-quality water filters might not be an option. Few people carry one of these around with them all the time. Also, the problem with store-bought water filters is they need to be cleaned, or the filter needs to be replaced fairly often. And you must remember to carry it when you're out exploring.

Filtering Water with What You Have

The basic process of filtering water in a survival situation is to remove debris such as soil, dirt, sediment, sticks, leaves, and any animals living in the water. To create a survival water filter you will need to gather various materials such as pebbles, sand, cloth, and charcoal. If you realize you are in a survival situation, take some time to think about what needs to be done. Figure out what you have with you and how it can be used to your advantage. Most people who are lost are found within 24 hours. So don't freak out! Keep in mind that it is not possible to filter saltwater into drinkable freshwater—regardless of the kinds of water filters you have.

